

# SBC Now Numbers 12.3 Million

## Blue Mountain College To Celebrate Centennial Year

Activity and anticipation are reaching a new high on the Blue Mountain College campus as the school points toward its official celebration of 100 years of service on the week-end of March 8-9, according to Blue Mountain President E. Harold Fisher.

"We have had some very exciting things already on campus during this Centennial Year celebration," President Fisher said. "This special year has given the college an opportunity to examine the historic past as well as gear itself for the extreme challenges of the future."

Highlights of the Centennial weekend include the presentation of an original production depicting the 100 year history of Blue Mountain which is entitled "The Forehead of the Morning" and was written by Orlin Corey, resident director of the Everyman Players of Pineville, Kentucky. The production will employ a cast and staff of more than 200 and will be presented the nights of March 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.

"Prior to the premier performance of the Centennial production March 8th we will have our Centennial Awards Dinner," President Fisher noted. "At that dinner we will have four guests of honor including the first lady of the state, Mrs. William L. Waller, two former first ladies of Blue Mountain, Mrs. Wilfred Charles Tyler and Mrs.

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## 'Church: The Sunday Night Place' Emphasis For March

"Church: The Sunday Night Place" will be the special emphasis suggested for Mississippi Baptists during March, with particular attention focused on building attendance in evening church services and in Church Training.

This emphasis will climax with "High Attendance Day" in Church training on March 31.

Simultaneously with the Mississippi Emphasis there will be a "Church: The Sunday Night Place" "Spectacular" to be held at Fort Worth, Texas March 21-23.

"Church: The Sunday Night Place" is one of the highlights of "Church Membership Development," which is the special emphasis of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for 1974, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is the third annual special emphasis adopted by the Convention Board and approved by the State Convention, with two more years of particular emphasis, which will complete an over-all five-year program.

"Church: The Sunday Night Place" is history in the making for Mississippi Baptists and every church is urged to be a part of this historic event," declared Kermit King, director of the Church Training Department of the Convention Board, and also director for the 1974 emphasis.

Mr. King urges every church in the state to participate in "High Attendance Day" on March 31, and suggests the possibility of churches setting a "high attendance" goal.

"Church: The Sunday Night Place" is a program designed by the Church Training Department to increase attendance both in the evening.

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NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists in 1973 numbered 12.3 million members, contributed 1.2 billion dollars in total receipts and reported the fourth highest number of baptisms in Southern Baptist Convention history.

Compiled from reports of all 34,883 churches in the SBC, the 1973 denominational statistics indicate increases in church membership, Sunday School enrollment, church music enrollment, mission expenditures, Brotherhood enrollment and total financial receipts.

Churches reported a decrease from 1972 levels in the number of baptisms, Training Union enrollment and Woman's Missionary Union enrollment.

For several years church membership has been increasing at approximately two per cent each year, and 1973 was no different.

Church membership for the nation's largest evangelical body increased nearly a quarter of a million persons (280,062) over the 1972 membership.

The 1973 total membership was 12,207,846, an increase of 1.9 per cent. Although the number of baptisms decreased in 1973 to a total of 413,990, that figure is the fourth highest ever recorded. The number of 1973 baptisms ranks behind the record number of baptisms in 1972 (445,725), the 1959 figure of 429,063 and the 416,867 figure of 1955.

In 1972 the denomination's total receipts surpassed the one billion dollar figure for the first time in SBC history. The new statistics indicate a

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Several leaders are seen just following the "topping out" ceremony at the new Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson on Feb. 20. The occasion consisted of pouring the last bucket of concrete for the top of the hospital, and means the end of pouring of concrete on the main structure. The U. S. and state flags were planted on the roof as part of the ceremony. From left: Paul Pryor, administrator; Zach Hederman, Board chairman; Henry Holman, Board member, and J. M. Spain, Board member, all of Jackson. (For additional pictures please turn the page.)

## "Topping Out" Ceremony Held At Baptist Hospital

## '73 State Baptist Statistics In Substantial Gain Over '72

The membership of the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention now totals 570,644, a gain of 11,802 over the previous year, according to official figures just released.

The new statistics, for 1973, in comparison with 1972, reveal a majority of gains over losses, showing a continuous increase in most areas of the life and work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The statistics were released by the Research Services Department, Church Services and Materials Division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The complete summary follows:

The number of churches for 1973 totals 1,889, an increase of four over the 1972 figure of 1,885.

The number of baptisms in 1973 was 18,351, a decrease of 827 from the 1972 total of 19,178.

Additions to the churches by transfer of letter in 1973 totaled 25,470, a decrease of 326 from the 1972 figure of 25,796.

Sunday School enrollment for 1973 stood at 316,612, an increase of 5,137 over the 311,475 enrolled in 1972.

Vacation Bible School enrollment for 1973 was 142,999, a gain of 8,958 over the 65,182 enrolled in 1972.

Church music enrollment in 1973 totaled 71,042, an increase of 5,860 over the 61,182 enrolled in 1972.

Training Union enrollment for 1973 totaled 125,414, a gain of 782 over 124,632 enrollment of 1972.

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### Southern Seminary

## Ministry Center Is Approved

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee approved a proposal by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary board of trustees that a Ministry Training Center be established at

the seminary.

Other action at the three-day meeting here included approval of a change in the Sunday School Board's formula for contribution to the convention's operating budget.

The proposal for the Ministry Training Center, to be called the Boyce Bible School, will be presented by the seminary's trustees to the annual SBC meeting in Dallas in June.

The Bible school will be financed within the seminary's regular budget, according to Albert McClellan, director of program planning and associate executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

He said the seminary does not intend to charter a separate school but will operate the center as part of its non-degree academic program already in existence.

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The season of prayer, study, and financial emphasis on home missions that helped transform Southern Baptists into a people of 26 languages in 50 states will be launched March 3.

The annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions will be March 3-10, overflowing into the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions with its goal of \$7,200,000.

When the books closed recently on last year's offering, the final tally was a goal-breaking \$6,884,358.61.

This figure represents a 12.2 per cent increase over the previous year's offering. A similar increase this year would top the Easter Offering goal.

Theme of the prayer observance is "In Him Is Life." Prayer and study materials provided to church members emphasize the Home Mission Board's role in helping Americans find abundant life in Christ.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director of the Home Mission Board, says that offering increases, coupled with growth in the Cooperative Program, are helping maintain the board's work in face of inflation. If the \$7,200,000 goal is reached, it will help the Home Mission Board achieve an upswing in number of missionary personnel, according to Rutledge.

Rutledge said the first \$6,700,000 of the offering is earmarked for maintaining present home missions work. Approximately a half million dollars will keep salaries of missionaries ahead of the inflation bite. "It costs a quarter million dollars just to keep up with the cost of living," he said.

The largest allocation (\$1,900,000) goes to the language missions program with 1,000 missionaries. Because of language missions, Southern Baptist congregations speak 26 different languages. The newest — coming is an Arabic church in Washington, D. C. —

Church extension work gets the next largest chunk of the offering, \$1,250,000. These funds give financial assistance to 500 pastors who last year recorded 15,000 professions of faith and helped constitute 100 new churches.

Rutledge hopes that a net gain of 50 new missionaries will be possible by the end of the year. In recent years, new appointments have been held to a minimum because most funds were required in maintaining work already underway. Rutledge says that numerous young people are in seminary and temporary jobs hoping that funds will be available to put them on the field.

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## Editor Urges Freedom; Bayless New President

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — The editor of a Southern Baptist state newspaper warned the Southern Baptist Press Association at the closing session of its three-day annual meeting here of what he sees as dangers to editorial freedom in the country and

the denomination.

R. Gene Puckett, editor of the Maryland Baptist, cited "the national mood of frustration, indifference, cynicism, suspicion and outright hostility."

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New officers of the State Executive Secretaries Association of the SBC are (from left): W. Perry Crouch, president, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Richard M. Stephenson, secretary, executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia; and R. Y. Bradford, vice president, executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico. (BP) PHOTO.



O. L. Bayless, new president of the Southern Baptist Press Association, and his officers, E. Eugene Puckett, (left) secretary, and C. Eugene Whitlow, (right), president-elect, around the president's gavel. Bayless is editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist, Colorado; Puckett is editor of the Maryland Baptist, and Whitlow is editor of the Baptist New Mexican. (BP) PHOTO by James Lee Young

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS

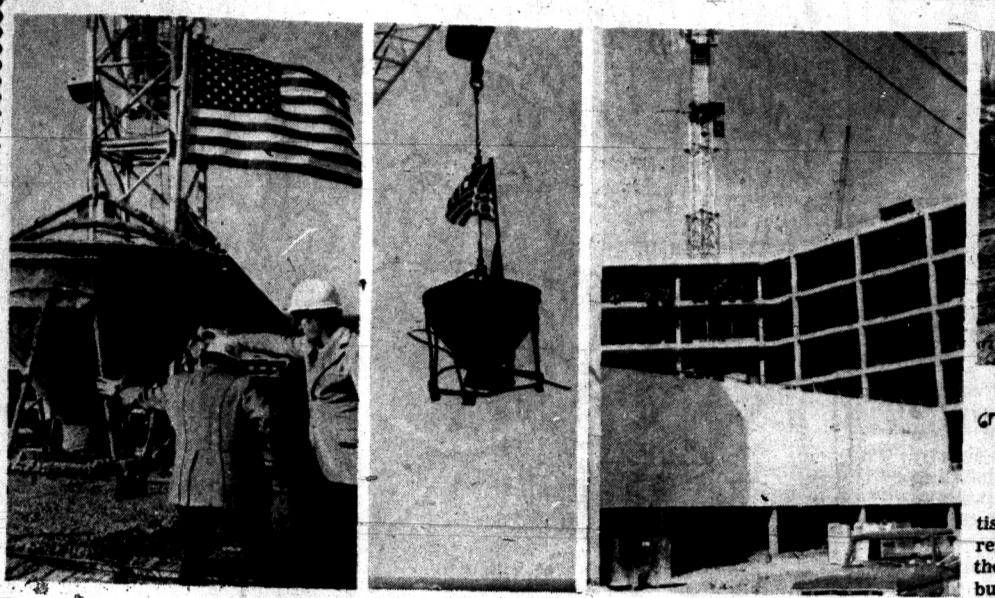
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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal: \$7,200,000

The theme of Southern Baptists' annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions is the message being proclaimed by 2,178 missionaries, 880 Southern Baptist military chaplains, 1,016 student summer missionaries, and more than 7,000 volunteer project workers, all of whom

participate in home missions. For their support, WMU leads a Week of Prayer, March 3-10. It will culminate with the bringing together of the Easter offering for Home Missions whose goal is \$7,200,000 — approximately half of the Home Mission Board budget for next year.





## 'Topping Out' Marks Historic Day At Baptist Hospital

The "Topping Out" Ceremony held at the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Feb. 20 was the occasion for much activity and rejoicing. Photo at extreme left shows operation just prior to the actual "topping out" which consisted of pouring the last bucket of concrete for the top of the hospital, which will be

an 8-level structure. Second photo shows the last bucket of concrete being lifted to the roof. Third photo reveals, giant crane being used in construction. Fourth picture shows construction activity on the ground. Picture at extreme right is that of Jackson's ever-changing skyline from roof of hospital.

## Ministry Center Is Approved

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Southern Seminary first presented the idea of non-degree Bible school in June, 1973, McClellan said. As then visualized, it would have required receiving the charter of the former Carver School of Missions and Social Work, which merged in Southern Seminary several years ago.

Under this procedure, the Bible school would have operated under a separate charter from the seminary, and objections arose that this could seem like another school was being formed.

With the revised concept, which must still win approval at the annual SBC session in Dallas in June, the seminary will operate within its own charter and seek to attract Southern Baptist pastors in Kentucky and surrounding states who have had little or no seminary training.

McClellan said 53 per cent of SBC pastors have not attended seminary.

The old Sunday School Board formula, adopted originally in 1959, provided that the Sunday School Board would contribute one dollar to the convention operating budget for every \$3 to the program of Cooperative Education and Promotion Work with State Conventions. The formula follows the same pattern for

the first \$1 million and 10 per cent of all contributions over that amount.

The new formula will permit the Sunday School Board to increase its help to Baptist state conventions in new SBC areas, where Southern Baptist numbers are small and churches need strengthening.

Sullivan said it will enable the board to provide funds to employ a minimum of two persons in each Baptist state convention to promote educational ministries related to the activities of the Sunday School Board.

Although most Baptist state conventions already have more than two persons engaged in work of this type, many new SBC conventions do not.

The new formula guarantees at least \$300,000 a year from the board to the Convention Operating Budget, but the amount is expected to exceed this minimum guarantee.

The Executive Committee, in other developments, prior to devoting its last day to a report by its Committee of 15 on SBC agencies, also:

Paved the way for the Home Mission Board to shift work in Panama to the Foreign Mission Board by making appropriate terminology changes in the two agencies' program statements. That action must gain final approval from the SBC in June

in Dallas.

Gave \$34,608, plus any accrued interest, to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, from a bequest from the estate of the late Charles F. Hopkins. The funds will go to help ease a financial crisis at the seminary.

Set \$715,000 as the total Convention Operating Budget, which includes budget of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville, expenses for the annual SBC meeting, special committee expenses, legal and auditing fees and contributions to the Baptist World Alliance and Religion in American Life.

Added a representative of Woman's Missionary Union to the representation on the convention's Public Affairs Committee.

Increased the honorarium of the convention's recording secretary, registration secretary and the assistant to the recording secretary from \$600 per year to \$700. The Committee also increased the expense account of the SBC president, effective March 1, 1974, from \$6,000 to \$7,500, with up to \$1,500 of this amount to be used for unreimbursed travel for the president's wife for engagements where she would be invited or expected to attend.

Sold, Porter Routh, the Executive Committee's executive secretary-treasurer, the residence provided him by the Executive Committee for the past 23 years for the market price of \$50,000. The committee also transferred, in effect, \$27,000, placed earlier in an annuity plan to provide housing after his retirement, toward partial purchase of the house. The \$27,000 will be paid over the final six years of his possible term of employment, 1974-79.

Passed a recommendation that boards of all convention agencies "shall include both pastors or other full-time church or denominational employees and those who are not pastors or full-time church or denominational employees. Not more than two-thirds of the members of any group shall be drawn from either category."

Denied a request from SBC President Owen Cooper to "amend the convention's business and financial plan, Section VI, to permit the Home Mission Board to contact churches (only where prospective summer missionaries have membership), parents and selected individuals to solicit their support."

Denied a request from the Radio and Television Commission that it be permitted to merchandise music in order to recoup some of the cost involved and asked the Radio and Television Commission and the Sunday School Board to "explore cooperative outlets of distribution to achieve a greater distribution."

Granted the Home Mission Board's request to launch a special mail solicitation on behalf of its variety-format, evangelistic television series, "Spring Street, U.S.A.," to a mailing list of individuals who have responded to the programs.

Approved a recommendation that the Executive Committee's Institutions Workgroup and the state Baptist executive secretaries hold a joint meeting, probably in September, to explore the Bible Institute-type of education.

Voted to launch a long-range planning program for Southern Baptist impact in the 1980s with an Impact 80s Conference, January 20-22, 1975, in Nashville, with broad-based representation from all aspects of SBC life.

Approved a recommendation that the Executive Committee join with the Stewardship Commission to launch plans in 1974 for a Declaration of Cooperation to challenge Southern Baptist churches, through their state conventions, to make a commitment of \$150 million through the Cooperative Program (unified budget) in 1976 with the anticipation these funds will be received in 1976. The Stewardship Commission will implement the program.



NASHVILLE—KERMIT S. KING (right), church training secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, talks here with Philip B. Harris, secretary of the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, during a recent meeting near Nashville. Church training representatives from 32 state conventions attended the meeting to learn about plans for the coming year, including the CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place Spectacular in Fort Worth, March 21-23, 1974.

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ning church services and in Church Training and to focus attention on the need for training, worship and fellowship.

Churches participating in the March emphasis will be supported in their efforts by statewide radio, television and billboard publicity.

Mr. King added that church leaders have been provided with materials suggesting the various ways the March special emphasis can be promoted and utilized in the churches.

"It's not too late for churches to participate in the Fort Worth Spectacular" which will feature outstanding personalities, workshops, performances, fellowship, musicals and worship," Mr. King said.

Continuing, he outlined program highlights as follows:

Astronaut James Irvin and Astronaut Bill Pogue of Space Lab III will be on the Thursday night program as well as festival featuring the Spring Street Singers.

A massed youth choir will sing for the Friday evening session along with concert artists Robert Hale and Dean Wilder of New York.

"The Beginnings," a new musical drama by Buryl Red and Ragan Courtney, will be premiered at the closing session Saturday morning. It will be accompanied by the Ft. Worth Symphony.

Cynthia Clawson and Joe Ann Shelton will be featured soloists, and the Centurymen, a singing group composed of ministers of music from churches across the Convention, will present several sacred music concerts throughout the Spectacular.

On Thursday and Friday nights there will be after-service fellowships in the Convention Complex, Tarrant County Convention Center, and in hotel lobbies featuring Gene Cotton, Joe Mason, Renaissance, Spring Street Singers and The Centurymen.

For additional information about program and room reservations, write the Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

## Series 30 Small Church Sunday School Meets Set

A series of 30 Baptist Small Church Sunday School Conferences will be held over the state March 4-14.

Rev. Bryan M. Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor, said that the conferences were for all Sunday School officers and teachers of Sunday schools under 150 enrollment.

He added that conferences would be held for workers with preschool, children, youth and adults as well as pastors and general officers.

The faculty will consist of several outstanding Sunday school leaders.

The schedule follows:

March 4 — Tishomingo Baptist Church; Potts Camp; Southaven, Mt. Zion; Pace; Becker. March 5 — Guntown; Pontotoc, Furr; Como; Arcola; Gore Springs. March 7 — Salilis; Bellefontaine, Fellowship; Kilnich, Poplar Creek Nations; Belzona, Calvary; Philadelphia, Bethesda.

March 11 — Eastabutchie; Collins, Williamsburg; Jayess; Fayette; Passagoula, Ft. Bayou. March 12 — McLain, First, Laurel, Freedom; Bogue Chitto; Melsburg, Trinity; Gulfport, West Gulfport. March 14 — Meridian, Oak Grove; Mize, Union; Newton, Liberty; Jackson, Temple; Pulaski, New Good Hope.

All conferences will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

## Baptists Involved In Dramatic Rescue Effort

BONASICA CREEK, Guyana (BP)

A Baptist pastor and several church members rescued 12 of 24 passengers from the water after a 35-foot river boat capsized on the Essequibo River recently.

The other 12 passengers drowned, including seven children from one family, according to Mrs. John I. Jacobs, Southern Baptist missionary press representative in Guyana.

Soon after a large wave swept the craft under the water, the pastor, Thakur Singh, arrived in the river launch "Crusader," operated by the Guyana Baptist Mission and the Bonasica Baptist Church here, Mr. Jacobs said.

The pastor and crew members arrived in time to pull 12 of the passengers from the river, including the parents of the seven children who drowned, she said.

News reports indicated that the incident was one of the worst river disasters in Guyana's history.



## West Va. Elects Editor, Changes Name Of Paper

ST. ALBANS, W. Va. (BP) — Thomas F. Lang, 44, has been named editor of the West Virginia Southern Baptist, formerly the Southern Baptists in West Virginia, news publication of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

He will continue duties as director of religious education for the convention, a post he assumed on April 1, 1973.

A native of Athens, Ga., Lang became interim editor of the paper in August, 1973, following a heart attack suffered by John I. Snedden, executive secretary-treasurer of the Virginia convention. Snedden served as "acting editor," following the resignation of Francis R. Tallant in February, 1973.

Lang is the former pastor of Fairlawn Baptist Church in Parkersburg, and previously served First Baptist Church, Fairlawn, both in West Virginia.

## Seminary To Provide Convention Flight, Hotel Rooms, Sightseeing

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Southern Seminary alumni association is sponsoring a special flight to the 1974 Southern Baptist Convention from Memphis next June.

The flight, via American Airlines, will depart Memphis on Sunday afternoon, June 9, and return from Dallas Friday afternoon, June 14. Any interested Baptist is eligible to participate.

Included in the \$168 price per passenger are: air fare roundtrip, airport limousine and baggage handi-

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## EDITORIAL

### Home Missions Challenges Southern Baptists

#### Missions!

No word is more exciting to the average Southern Baptist!

It was the commission to carry the message of Christ to the whole world, that brought the first Baptist convention in America into being. This was the old Triennial Convention, which was formed as a result of the tireless labors of Luther Rice. That was in 1814.

When the Southern Baptist Convention was born in 1845, its stated purpose was for "eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel." The first boards established by the young convention were a Board of Foreign Missions and a Board of Domestic Missions. Both of these have been in continuous existence since then, and the latter is now the Home Mission Board.

Special emphasis is given to work of the boards, at stated seasons each year, and the time now has come for the pointing up of the work of the Home Mission Board, and the making of a special offering for it. The goal of the special offering this year is \$7,200,000. The WMU Week of Prayer for Home Missions is March 3-10. The offering is called the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. The emphasis offers a mighty challenge to Southern Baptists.

Basic support for our whole mission program is the Cooperative Program. This, above all else, must be kept at the center of our emphasis and promotion in the churches. It is the Cooperative Program that makes possible all of the state, national and world wide

ministries of the convention. Without support of this program, the whole witness outreach will be seriously affected.

Special offerings, however, have a vital part in the work too. This is true, because they provide a large part of the funds for the programs, and also allow people to make special love gifts to work in which they are interested.

The mission boards received large and essential support from these special offerings. They enable them to expand their missionary outreach to all areas of the nation and the world.

Work of the Home Mission Board is carried on under twelve programs. They are as follows: Evangelism; chaplaincy ministries; church loans; pioneer missions; church extension; associational administration service; rural - urban missions; metropolitan missions; language missions; cooperative ministries with National Baptists; Christian social ministries, and interfaith witness. More than 2,200 missionaries are engaged in this vast program.

Speaking concerning the Home Mission Board program in 1974, Executive Director, Arthur B. Rutledge, says in the February, 1974, issue of Home Missions.

"The problems which our nation faced in 1973 have cast upon us a pall of gloom and distrust. We have almost forgotten the cease-fire in Vietnam and the return of our prisoners of war. On the other hand this mood seems to have driven many of our people to a deepened concern for the spiritual and moral welfare of our beloved nation. Millions of unbelievers and marginal

church members are more responsive to the Bible, and more responsive to Christ than ever before. These are times in which the nation faces energy crises and character crises, battling economic inflation and moral permissiveness, strains on marriage and tensions between races.

These are times of need and times of opportunity — a challenging time to be a follower of Jesus Christ! A challenging time to help cross barriers with the gospel of Christ, across the homeland and to the ends of the earth."

Consider some of Dr. Rutledge's words: "... a deepened concern for the spiritual and moral welfare of our beloved nation. . . millions . . . more responsive to the Bible. . . and to Christ . . . a challenging time to cross barriers . . ."

The Executive Director of the Home Mission Board states what he, and, evidently, the board, sees in America today. They tell us they are trying to meet this challenge. Their answer is . . .

"the gospel of Christ. . ."

All Southern Baptists have in this special week of prayer and offering the opportunity to help the Home Mission board proclaim that "gospel of Christ" to the people of our nation. As people of the convention pray and give the Board will be strengthened for its task.

We do not see in the Bible any assurance that we are going to win either America or the world completely to Christ. Our task is to win as many of the people of the nation and the world to Him as we possibly can. This we must do. Let us join in doing it by worthy support of this great Home Mission emphasis.

### Special Emphasis Results In Growth

Mississippi Baptists are now in the third year of a five year program of special emphasis.

In 1972 the concern was the Sunday school and Bible teaching. Last year it was evangelism, and this year church membership and Christian growth in the church are at the center. In 1975 we shall be emphasizing stewardship and missions, and in 1976, Christian citizenship.

Promotion of these emphases has been under the direction of departments at the convention board, and hundreds of churches have participated. Promotion conferences, enlistment plans and many other special programs have been, and are being used.

Until now, it has not been possible to visibly measure the results of such promotion. However, reports which have just come from Nashville providing statistical information for 1973, seem to reveal direct results from the emphasis on Sunday school enlargement and improvement in 1972.

#### NEWEST BOOK

**ISRAEL, YEARS OF CRISIS YEARS OF HOPE** by Roman Frister (McGraw-Hill, 232 large pages, \$12.95) The story of the first twenty-five years of the history of the nation of Israel. The great moments of the little nation's life, even those before it actually came into being, are graphically depicted in word and photograph. One feels the joys and the sorrows, the griefs and the triumphs of the people. The story often is woven about individuals, and communities. For centuries many Bible students had predicted that Israel must live again, although skeptics said it never could happen. Meanwhile, many Jewish people dreamed of one day being back in Jerusalem. This book tells how the nation did come to live once again, and how it has fought to continue its existence, and has worked to grow and develop, in these brief 25 years. The book is profusely illustrated with over 160 black and white and 22 color photographs made by some of Israel's finest photographers. Readers will come to understand and appreciate what has been accomplished in Israel when they read these pages.

**CHURCH PROPERTY - BUILDING GUIDEBOOK** compiled by T. Lee Anderton (Convention Press, paper, 128 pp.) This volume, a product of many minds, brings together materials from some of the best planners of church buildings in the SBC today. For some time, pastors and church leaders had expressed concern over the need for resources material to assist in promoting better church building planning. This book is an attempt to meet that concern. With data and prime examples, produced out of experience. It is a guidebook that every planning and building committee will be able to use during the building program; also it provides supplemental resource materials that can be used by regular committees as the building is utilized by its occupants. It is not to take the place of original study, but is to be a challenge to more extensive surveys and study.

**CHURCH CUSTODIAN'S MANUAL** by Rev. V. Owsenby (Convention Press, 48 pp.) Using a simple and direct approach, the book features Mr. "Cust" Owsenby, a delight-

ful character who offers much helpful advice through his words and actions. This manual helps the church custodian know what his work is and how he can best do it.

**PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY NOTEBOOK** By John C. Souter (Tyndale House, paper, \$1.95, 176 pp.) Mr. Souter found that Christians want to study the Bible, but most don't know how. He developed this notebook which presents fourteen different ways to study the Bible for personal enrichment and understanding.

**OBJECT LESSON PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** by Vera Hutchcroft (Baker, paper, 116 pp., \$1.50) Object lesson programs on themes vital to teen-agers — such as dating, marriage, commitment, selecting friends, and emotional and spiritual growth. Uses dramatic role-playing, easily-acquired objects, and illustrations from nature.

**STOP PLAYING FOOLISH GAMES** by Jo Kimmel (Abingdon, 124 pp., \$3.95) The writer is director of family devotional life for The Upper Room in Nashville. In this new book she says that all of us are guilty of playing pious games — with ourselves, with others, with God. Among the games she describes are "Tell It Like It Isn't" (being honest with God), "Here Comes the Judge" (judging others), "Word Perfect" (expressing beliefs only in familiar terms), and "The Hiding Place" (escapism). She believes that those who cease playing at being Christian and begin to act like mature believers will discover the abundant, powerful life available to those who learn to put complete trust in God day by day.

**FAITH AT THE TOP**, interviews by Wesley Pippert, UPI reporter (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.50, 187 pp.) The author is one of his bureau's principal Watergate reporters. This new book grew out of his personal acquaintance with each of his ten subjects: Senator Mark Hatfield, Washington Redskins star Charley Haraway, former NBC-TV Nina Herrman, and seven other prominent people have revealed to Mr. Pippert the fascinating details of their lives and the extraordinary faith that inspired each to follow Christ,

climbed back to the all time high in Sunday school enrollment, which was above 323,000 in 1964, even as the Southern Baptist Convention has not yet reached its all time high enrollment figure.

However, Mississippi Baptists leaders and churches have sought earnestly to do something about again setting the Sunday school program on a path of growth, and it seems evident that the pattern for that growth has developed. Figures of the past two years, clearly reveal that the Sunday schools in Mississippi Baptist churches are growing, and we believe they will continue to grow.

We congratulate the Sunday School Department of the convention board, and all of the pastors and Sunday school leaders in the churches, along with the people themselves, for the success they have achieved in changing Sunday school trends, and moving into the growth pattern once more. It is a splendid record, and should be even greater this year.

often, at great personal cost. The reporter wrote about these people at night while he was covering Watergate by day. He says, "The contrast could not have been more stark." When asked to write a book about influential Christians, these are ones who came immediately to his mind.

**HOW TO ENJOY THE GOD STUFF** by Hugh Claycombe (David C. Cook Publishing Co., 128 pp., paper, \$1.25) Artist-author Claycombe uses cartoon drawings to probe visually some of his deepest feelings about self, church, and society. He leads the reader into fresh concepts of the Christian life and to new ways of seeing people as Jesus sees them.

**WITNESSING TO THE WITNESS** by Lloyd N. Whyte (Home Mission Board, paper, 32 pp., \$1.00) This is an excellent workbook concerning witnessing to the Jehovah's Witness. The Jehovah's Witnesses are one of the fast growing minority groups in America. They are active and zealous, and a challenge to Baptist witness because they come to us. Mr. Whyte has given here an accurate history of their movement. His suggestions are simple and to the point, easily used by any layman who will devote his time to witnessing. Billy Mitchell of the Home Mission Board suggests that THE MIGHTY STRENGTH (Colossians in Today's English Version) from American Bible Society is the best single piece of literature to give to Jehovah's Witnesses when they call.

**WHO AM I?** by Rainier T. Overman (Word Books, 94 pp., paper) This physicist deals with basic questions that affect every human being — who am I, and where can I find ultimate meaning? As a scientist he is committed to science. As a Christian, he is committed to God. He says, "How do I know God exists? By positing his existence (as the scientist proposes a theory), and then acting as if he exists (as the scientist acts as if the atom exists), and I can validate the existence of God for myself."



(GOD'S) SPIRIT CLEARLY SAYS THAT IN LATER TIMES SOME WILL ABANDON THE FAITH AND FOLLOW DECEIVING SPIRITS AND THINGS TAUGHT BY DEMONS. SUCH TEACHINGS COME THROUGH HYPOCRITICAL LIARS. — 1 TIM. 4:1 (NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

### THE NEW PIED PIPER

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Foreign Mission Board Seeking Computer Programmer

Dear Friend:

If it does not violate the philosophy of your state paper, we would appreciate your listing the following job opportunity in your next two issues:

**PROGRAMMER** — The Foreign Mission Board has an opening for an individual with 1-2 years of programming experience in RPG Univac or IBM computer language.

A college degree in business or related field would be helpful but not required. Individual must be willing to relocate to Richmond, Virginia.

The starting salary will approximate 10K depending on training and experience. Interested individuals should immediately contact Jim Edwards, 3800 Monument Avenue, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia, 23230, Telephone (804) 353-0151.

We, of the Foreign Mission Board will appreciate your help and hopefully will be of service to some of your readers as well.

Jim Edwards  
Employment Manager  
Foreign Mission Board, SBC  
Box 6597  
Richmond, Va. 23230

#### Author Replies To Letter From Miss Kirkpatrick

Gentlemen:

Re Mary Frank Kirkpatrick's letter about the treatment of Arthur Blessitt in our (Enroth, Ericson, Peters) book, *The Jesus People* (see *Baptist Record*, January 31, 1974):

As a brother in Christ I am of course delighted that Ms. Kirkpatrick's ministry was enhanced by Blessitt's visit to Nigeria. No doubt, "traveling firemen" do some good.

Also, no doubt, in our research for our book, which has been widely recognized as the most objective, balanced, and honest account of the Jesus Movement, we encountered a large number of young converts whose genuineness and spirituality inspired us much more than did Blessitt's gimmickry. In our introduction we warned that we would not only report but also evaluate. We gladly concede that our judgments are not inspired, but are just honest attempts of fellow believers.

Try as we did to find substantial results of Blessitt's work in Hollywood (which he had just left when we were doing the research for our book), we could find almost none. Other Jesus People ministries had a much better track record. Was it wrong for us to report this? I would encourage interested readers to read Blessitt's account of his Hollywood period, *Turned On to Jesus*, and then read our account of him in those days. Meanwhile, I pray that God will add the fruit to Blessitt's efforts, even if it struck us as sensational and superficial.

Cordially yours,  
Edward E. Ericson, Jr.  
Dean of Academic Affairs  
Northwestern College  
Reformed Church of America  
Orange City, Iowa

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

Marijuana Health Dances

that regular smoking of marijuana is unhealthy. The study found that white blood cells taken from regular marijuana users were 40 percent less effective in fighting viruses in a test tube than white blood cells taken from non-marijuana users. This finding, reported in the February 1 issue of *Science* magazine runs counter to previous studies of the health consequences of smoking.

#### Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilde Farther

This low speed limit gives me the feeling that I'm on a perpetual Sunday afternoon drive, the kind of slow, relaxing, looking-around kind of drive families used to consider a part of their Sunday being together.

It would be nice if this feeling could carry over into more of life. Don't you get tired of being rushed all the time and having something to do every minute of every day and every night of every week and every week of every year? Now, I'm not talking about work or vocation or that sort of thing. Rather, I'm talking about being involved in so many good activities that you have no time and energy to call your own, no time simply to be, or even to stop and see if you are.

The national energy crisis is frightening, but my personal energy crisis is quite disconcerting, too. At least half a dozen people have told me in the last week or so that they stay so tired that they can hardly get up in the mornings. Maybe we need to find some way to enforce a speed limit or involvement limit on ourselves personally. It cannot be placed on us by our family or our doctor or a friend or parent and do any good. It must be placed on us by our own good sense, based on our responsibilities to our family, to our job, to our community, to our friends, and all the other things whose agents call us on the phone and want us to get involved in.

A couple of guidelines have been helpful to me, and I'm about to put them into use to disengage myself from a few too many involvements, a process I have to repeat annually because I keep forgetting my limitations. The first is, Can someone else do this particular thing as well as better than I? The answer to that is always, Yes. The second is, Will someone else do this if I don't? The answer to that is usually, Yes, the person who asked me will call someone else until someone agrees to do it.

There are some things I know beyond a shadow of doubt that are my responsibility. It is not such things as caring for my family and holding my part of the lead at church and being prepared each day for my job at school that I ask myself these questions about. It's all those other things that lower my energy to crisis level.

ing marijuana. In its report to Congress on marijuana and health two years ago, the Department of Health Education and Welfare said it could find no ill effects from the moderate use of marijuana. At the same time, the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, Raymond P. Shafer, chairman, also reported that it could find no evidence that the moderate use of marijuana was either harmful or unhealthy. Dr. Gabriel G. Nahas of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons said recently his team's findings indicate a need for "a thorough reappraisal" of the conclusion of the Shafer Commission, which called for the ending of criminal penalties for possession and use of marijuana. (The Washington Post, January 26, 1974)

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# Early Conversion May Cause Problems, Professor Declares

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP) — Children who make professions of faith in Christ too soon run the risk of emotional damage, a Baptist seminary professor declared at a child conversion conference sponsored here by the Illinois Baptist State Association convention.

William L. Hendricks, a faculty member of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, said 1 of his 81 students last year told him they were victims of a "spiritual stillbirth" when they were young.

Hendricks said these students were baptized at an early age, reassured everything was okay, then left to fonder on their own.

The revival sermon an evangelist prepares for a hardened sinner might have no ill effect on him. Hendricks told more than 320 participants from 10 states, but it "terrifies" the typical eight-year-old.

The seminary professor gave an illustration of a youngster who one year hears in Sunday School that God loves him and that God made all that is beautiful. Then suddenly the next Sunday, a visiting evangelist tells him God is sending him to hell.

He reminded the conferees at the Southern Baptist gathering that there is not one gospel for adults and another for children. A child, he said, may know God loves him, but still not be ready for a meaningful conversion.

Hendricks cited one church where two youngsters, thought to be responding to an invitation, were "snared" on the way to the bathroom and baptized the same night.

It may take more courage for a pas-

tor to tell a parent, "I just don't feel your child is ready," but that such a stand may mean more in the long run, Hendricks said.

At the same time Hendricks warned against an arbitrary age for conversion and expressed regret that in a recent year Southern Baptist churches baptized 4,000 boys and girls, ages four and five.

He also told about one youngster who boasted he had "been saved three times on four busses" run in church bus outreach programs.

Children, facing attendance at adult worship services for the first time,

## Prayer, \$7,200,000

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The final \$500,000 of the offering goal is broken down into a dozen allocations for starting new work and for buying time for the HMB's evangelistic television program, "Spring Street, U.S.A."

All funds over the \$7,200,000 goal will be divided among a priority list of new work and the televangelism project.

Every year since 1895 the SBC Woman's Missionary Union has led out in the home missions emphasis. The Easter offering, named for the founding secretary of WMU, now provides approximately half the income for support of the work of 2,178 home missionaries.

Although the Home Mission Board pays salaries of 2,178 missionaries, it helps fund the work of approximately 4,500 persons.

More than 800 Southern Baptist chaplains are assisted by Home Mission Board experts. More than 1,000 student summer missionaries worked under direction of the Home Mission Board; half of them were fully supported by the HMB.

In addition, the Home Mission Board fielded more than 7,000 other short-term volunteers who worked in home missions projects during the last year. Although these persons paid their own way, home missions personnel and funds were used to guide their work.

The result is the involvement of almost 10,000 persons involved in home missions work, held together by a program that costs \$32.58 per minute to operate.

"I'm more hopeful than I've been for five years that we will be able to take better care of our missionaries and open some new work we have had to say no to," Rutledge said.

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have distinct problems, said Robert Fullbright, a children's worker for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A typical four-year-old, up until his first experience in adult church, has been cared for in a nursery where he could nap on the floor and enjoy crackers and juice, Fullbright said.

Now, he is expected to act like a grown-up and when the Lord's Supper is observed, no wonder he is confused when refused the crackers and juice he was accustomed to in the nursery, Fullbright added.

Fullbright said the ideal children's worship is built around a Bible story, just as an adult service is often built around a specific scripture. He added that children's worship should involve boys and girls in activities, not just as spectators.

Other conference speakers, including a layman and a bus consultant, both from Atlanta, and a pastor from Nashville, emphasized the need for churches to be concerned about reaching children for Christ and responding to their questions about salvation and the Christian faith.

Several participants indicated a need for more Southern Baptist literature dealing with the subject of children and the church.

Besides Illinois, participants came from Ohio, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia and Arkansas.



Dale Shook (1), minister of youth at First Church, Albuquerque, N.M., and Coy Finley, home missionary and pastor of Eagle Nest (N.M.) Baptist Mission, discuss approaches to ski evangelism at a northern New Mexico ski run. Shook's church has a Christian ski club, and Finley coordinates ski ministries in the Eagle Nest-Red River area. — (BP) Photo by Larry Jorden.

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## NEW SACRED RECORDS

ANDRE CROUCH AND THE DISCIPLES LIVE AT CARNEGIE HALL (Light, LS - 5502 LP) An outstanding Black group on a live Christian concert at Carnegie Hall.

DON HUSTAD PLAYS THE MAJESTIC RODGERS ORGAN (Word, WST-8544 LP) A great organist at a great organ.

BY GEORGE — A SPECIAL KIND OF MAN (Up Inc., Box 1560, Dallas) Music by George Fields with testimonies by outstanding athletes.

BREAK THROUGH — A MUSICAL ABOUT PROPHECY by Don Wyrtzen (Singcord, LP - 8588 Stereo) Special musical on our Lord and his return.

JOHN MCKAY SINGS BILL GAITHER (Word - WST 8599 LP) Music director for Jacek Robinson.

SING A LONG - SING AND CELEBRATE Vol. 2 (Word - 8600 LP) Fifty songs from Sing and Celebrate by Baylor University's Sing and Celebrate Chorus.

DOWN A NEW ROAD — Frank Boggs (Word - 8596 LP Stereo) GREAT GOSPEL SONGS — Double Album (WST - 8609) "Greatest Collection of Artists and religious Songs Ever Recorded"

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX KEYS (Word, W-3431-LP) Piano and organ.

THE ARISTOCRATS — Richard Wolfe Children's Chorus (Camden - CAS-1124) Music from Walt Disney Production — The Aristocrats and other Favorite Songs about cats.

## Baptists Find Ski Areas Good Places For Witness

By Larry Jorden,  
for Baptist Press

When Southern Baptist minister Coy Finley visited the village of Eagle Nest, N.M., he was disappointed in the run-down Baptist mission building and decided to do something about it.

Today, he is the mission's pastor and is a home missionary in the now booming resort area that is brimming with skiers during the winter months.

Finley is part of a new breed of Southern Baptist ministers, missionaries and collegians attempting to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ to millions of skiers who crowd some 850 ski areas in the United States each winter.

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missionaries (the board's two-year program for college graduates) are in ski ministries in New Mexico, Colorado, Vermont, New York and North Carolina, a board spokesman said.

Efforts involve two main thrusts — permanent ski ministries and short-term mission work.

Finley and US-2er Dick Lemaster, 23-year-old Maryland native, coordinate the short-term efforts of groups, mostly from neighboring Texas, along with more permanent local projects.

Finley's club membership is another "open door" to ministry within the ski resort community, he said.

The "inside out" approach to ministry, as used by Finley and Lemaster, was applauded by Randy Foster, the pastor of Roaring Fork Baptist Church, near Aspen, Colo.

"Many of these planned ski resort cities are closed to outside religious group, but if you live there, you can do anything you want," Foster said.

Working with Foster are US-2ers John and Robyn Long. The couple was given permission to conduct worship services on the slopes at Marble and hoped to conduct similar services at Vail and Aspen resorts.

The main thrust of the Longs' ski ministry is "person-to-person witnessing" on the slopes.

"The only way to get that entree is to ski," Long said. "You have to dress like a skier and talk like a skier to be heard."

Charles Baker, associate in the student division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, who has worked with ski ministries, reassured beginning skiers.

"If you're a novice, go ahead and admit it. Ask for help. They'll feel they are helping you (learn to ski) and the naive approach disarms people. You'll have an automatic entree," Baker said.

Among Mississippians attending the wedding were Mrs. Helen Enlow of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Sale, Gulfport, and their grandson, Sam Pol, Biloxi, who served as ringbearer.

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Crane says the resort people are his parish and congregation.

"I want to help individuals remove frustration that everyday life brings. Sometimes it means to fix tents and cars. In all, it means that my wife and I are here to help make vacationing better and shows people that the church does care."

(Adapted from the February, 1974, issue of *World Mission Journal*)

## SBC Annuity Board

### Approves New Plan C Investment

DALLAS (BP) — The Southern Baptist Annuity Board's trustees have approved the inclusion of a new type of investment called participating land equity in Plan C, the board's variable benefit plan.

Such equity ventures will be introduced into the Plan C portfolio during 1974 if the right investment opportunities develop, Gordon Hobgood Jr. of Dallas, trustee and chairman of the board's finance committee, told trustees during their 56th annual session here.

In a participating land equity, the board will make loans on property in growing metropolitan areas which will be developed or will later be resold, Hobgood said.

Hobgood, who made the recommendation, told the trustees their action will allow the variable plan to "participate in more potentially good investments rather than depend strictly on stocks alone."

Investments in Plan C, since its beginning as a variable plan in 1960, have been in stocks alone, although originally it was designed to utilize other types of equity investments.

Initially, land equity will be limited to 15 per cent of the variable plan's portfolio.

Darold H. Morgan, president of the Annuity Board, praised the finance committee for completing a year-long, comprehensive study in 1973 to develop the new investment procedure which will utilize the available land equity potential.

"The initial objective is to increase current returns across the board in Plan C. We choose land equity as another method of investment, because we believe it will provide a good return," Morgan said.

## Martha Alyce Logan, MK, Marries In Dallas

Martha Alyce Logan, daughter of missionaries, and Lt. Calvin Lee Ramage, United States Air Force, were married in Embree Hall, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, on February 9. Dr. W. A. Criswell officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride designed her own wed-



Seated are Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Logan. Standing left to right are Rebecca Sue Logan, Lt. and Mrs. Calvin Ramage, and Steven Logan.

ding dress which was made by her mother. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Wayne Logan, former Mississippians, missionaries for 22 years in Nigeria, and presently furloughing at 8918 Piper Lane, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Logan is the former Dorothy Cook of Wiggins.

Martha Alyce grew up in Nigeria

with her missionary parents and attended Newton Memorial Baptist School in Oshogbo, Nigeria. She graduated from Highland Park High School in Dallas and attended Baylor University, graduating from the School of Dental Hygiene at Baylor Dental College in Dallas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Calvin Ramage of Hooks, Texas, and is a graduate of Texas A & M University.

Rebecca Sue Logan, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Steven Logan, brother of the bride, was one of the groomsmen. Beckie Sue and Steven were both born in Nigeria. Beckie Sue is a junior at Howard Payne College and Steven is a freshman at Texas Tech.

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**Rhodesian Christian Pays High Price For His Bride**

**SANYATI, Rhodesia** — Two years of toiling and diligent savings finally paid off for a 27-year-old Sanyati Baptist Hospital ambulance driver.

Arthur Chivanga neglected his own personal needs to put every penny into the cause he had struggled for... his future wife.

Because she had finished two years of high school and proved her business ability by managing a small country store, her lobola (bride price) was high.

Although the payment was difficult at times, it was always done so with cheerfulness, "I cannot help it, I love Stellah," said Arthur.

With the obligation met, neither family nor friends would have questioned their right to begin marital rela-

most no expense and postpone the big feast until later."

Stellah's father was less than receptive to the idea, because he wanted the prestige that goes along with an elaborate wedding.

Nevertheless, the couple were united in marriage very soon after, in a very simple, yet beautiful ceremony at Sanyati Baptist Church. The bride wore a white cotton knee-length dress and a mosquito-net veil.

As the groom's attendant stated later, "Only the Holy Spirit could get us through it, and He removed every roadblock."

But, there was a ray of hope in the offering.

"The missionaries know a new way to get married," Arthur excitedly told Stellah. "We can marry now with all the lobola."



TILL DEATH DO US PART — Arthur and Stellah leave Sanyati Baptist Church following their marriage, that almost didn't come about. Because his wife's lobola (bride price) was so high, he had to save for years. Finally, after much personal sacrifice and guidance from Southern Baptist Missionaries, the wedding was performed. They are shown here as they are flanked by relatives and friends preparing to leave for their honeymoon.

## POWERLINE

### A Straight Line to Teens

Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

**CHRISTIAN STANDARDS APPLIED TO BEHAVIOR**

Dating problems and moral issues are frequently entangled in today's young people. We take it to be a healthy sign when young people apply Christian standards to their behavior.

I am an 18-year-old senior. About a year ago I started drinking, getting drunk about every two weeks. Three months ago I started smoking grass. I don't get drunk much any more because I'm with my girl most of the time. Since I do so much stuff she disapproves of I think if she were to find out, it would finish our relationship. Should I be truthful and tell her what I do? Also, she is very religious and although I belong to a church I don't take it as seriously as she does.

These kids are now ready for college and must be dealt with on a more advanced level than if they were 16.

In the early stages of inter-personal relations no one is under obligation to tell everything. But as progression is made toward greater selection and intimacy, there arises the necessity of opening new parts of one's life. Then, if love is ever present, there can be no cloaking or deceiving. Deceit does not offer good foundations for romantic relationships. What people do not know about other people does, indeed, hurt them.

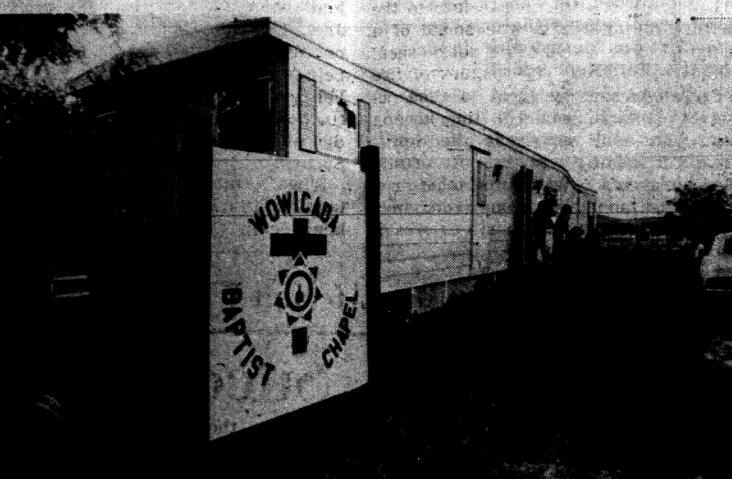
Most persons consciously or unconsciously seek partners with qualities which they themselves do not have. This complements the other's personality. However, too much diversity offers more problems than can be handled. When one is religiously motivated and the other not, sooner or later that divergence can cause a wide gulf between the two.

Our counsel is that at this stage it is time for more frankness between you before the groundwork is laid for someone to get hurt. Don't ask her to come down to your standards. Why not rise to hers? You have claimed to follow Christ, why not live up to it? Your relationship with him and with her will be better if you do.

POWERLINE is a 30-minute program for teens produced by Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and carried by 771 stations. Write for a station list, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

## A Tale Of Two Churches

**RAY, N. D.** — Man has always erected houses of worship where he needs them. They may range from humble wood frame buildings to huge Gothic structures. But, where people want a church, one is usually built. In Ray, N. D., there stands a decaying, deserted building with boards nailed across the door which was once a thriving Baptist church. Years ago there was an oil boom in the area and Baptist workers, needing a place to worship, built a small wooden church. When the boom was over the congregation left and the building was closed. It now stands alone and unused. — (RNS Photos by Don Rutledge)



**FORT YATES, N. D.** — Rev. John Miller, a Southern Baptist pastor from Mandan, N.D., felt there were spiritual needs on the nearby Standing Rock Sioux Reservation which were not being met. Chapels were needed, he felt, and he filled this need not by building but by moving in two trailer chapels, one each for the reservation towns of Fort Yates and Cannonball. He named the chapels in the Sioux language rather than in English. Wowicada, which means "faith," is the name of the Fort Yates chapel while the chapel at Cannonball is called Wookiye, or "peace."

## SBC Now Numbers Over 12 Million

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12.5 per cent increase over the 1972 figure, resulting in a total of \$1,205,330,781 for 1973. This is an increase of nearly \$124 million dollars.

Mission gifts continued to increase in 1973, gaining almost \$19 million dollars (10.7 per cent) for a total of \$103,549,922.

Sunday School enrolment increased 4,800 members in 1973 for a total of 7,182,550. The previous year Sunday School enrolment experienced its first gain since 1964.

Church music enrolment gained 70,624 members in 1973, setting the total church music membership at 1,252,622. This figure includes handbell ringers and vocal and instrumental ensemble enrolment which account for approximately 90 per cent of the net change. Handbell ringers and

ensembles were not included in the 1972 enrolment.

The Brotherhood (men's and boy's missions education organization) recorded an enrolment of 461,060 members in 1973, an increase of 6,808.

Training Union enrolment totaled 1,949,840, dropping by 94,805 members from the 1972 figure.

Enrolment reported for Woman's Missionary Union (women and girls' missions education organization) decreased 23,209 to a total of 1,102,432.

These figures were compiled by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research services department by computing the reports of 34,865 SBC churches (an increase of 131 churches) and comparing them with the 1972 denominational figures.

The report was presented here to the semi-annual meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

### The Differences:

### A Church And Social Clubs

By Randy McHan, Fayette

**A Church**

Dues are required periodically and must be paid if club benefits are to be retained.

Members are required to show some interest.

Members must contribute to the club's betterment. Those who would do the club harm are removed.

Members are chosen on a selective basis.

Members generally do not bicker and argue over petty matters. These are overlooked because all members have a common interest.

Members are usually expected to seek out others for membership.

Members do not get mad when called upon to serve in some capacity, nor do they grow tired when they have held a position for a long time.

Members, as a rule, join because that is their chief interest. Therefore, it usually gets their best efforts.

Gloomy weather does not usually hamper attendance.

All honors, benefits, or rewards are temporal with no eternal dividend.

### Summary of 1973 Baptist Convention Statistics

	1973	1972	Numerical Change	%Change
Church	34,865	34,534	+131	+0.4
Baptisms	413,900	445,725	-31,735	-7.1
Church Membership	12,297,346	12,067,284	+230,062	+1.9
Ongoing Sunday	7,182,550	7,177,651	+4,805	+0.1
School Enrolment				
Ongoing Brotherhood	461,060			
Enrolment				
Ongoing WMU	1,102,432	1,125,641	-23,209	-2.1
Enrolment				
Ongoing Church	1,252,622	1,173,004	+79,624	+6.8
Music Enrolment				
Ongoing Training	1,949,840	1,949,675	-665	-0.3
Union Enrolment				
Total Receipts	\$1,205,330,781	\$1,071,512,302	+\$133,818,479	+12.5
Total Gifts	\$103,549,922	\$174,772,885	+\$18,777,037	+10.7

Oftentimes an open mind is one that is too porous to hold a conviction. Fred W. Grown, The Bergen (N. J.) Citizen.

### Hastings To Conduct Writers' Workshop In Memphis Mar. 19

Robert J. Hastings of Springfield, Ill., will conduct a one-day Writers' Workshop in Memphis on Tuesday, March 19. Residents of northern Mississippi in driving distance of Memphis are invited. Dr. Hastings, editor of *The Illinois Baptist*, and author of 12 books, will teach his new writers' manual which he originally prepared for a two-week course he taught at New Orleans Seminary last January.

The workshop will be held at Union Avenue Baptist Church, at 2187 Union Avenue in Memphis. Write the church for details. Although advance registration is not necessary, enrolment will be limited to 40 persons.

The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. The workshop fee of \$15.00 includes a \$6.00 copy of the new writers' manual. An evening seminar for church secretaries will be conducted from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

We frequently hear, "Get someone else; I'm too busy," just before everyone sings "Serve the Lord with Gladness".

Attendance seems to be only a sideline and God gets the left-overs.

We might hear this at church: "I missed you last Sunday." "Aw, it just looked so bad outside that I simply did not feel like going."

Where Christ is honored, loved, and served, it can be said: "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last." Where do your interests and dividends lie?

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### Judson Dean Retires

MARION — "Judson girls know as their dean a warm and concerned friend who shares their laughter and their successes and their failures, and who never loses faith in their innate goodness," wrote the student newspaper at Judson College in welcoming Twynette Wells Watson as dean of students in 1968.

This week, as Mrs. Thomas Yeager, the dean is retiring after 12 years at the Baptist college for women. Since coming to Judson in 1962 as assistant to the dean of students, she has been successively assistant professor of psychology, director of recruitment, dean of admissions, chairman of financial aid and student development, assistant dean of students, associate professor of psychology, dean of students, and at one time during 1972, acting academic dean.

The mother of Judson graduate Karen Watson, who now teaches in Huntsville, and of two sons, both of whom married Judson girls and now live in Birmingham, Dean Yeager has been described by students as showing "much wisdom, much understanding, and much compassion" in her relationships with young people.

Life has a tendency to give back to a man what he puts into it.

## Religious Bestsellers

1. THE LIVING BIBLE, Taylor
2. DAKTAR, Olsen
3. IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES, Rutledge
4. THE BECOMERS, Miller
5. HALLEY'S BIBLE HANDBOOK, Halley
6. THE FAT IS IN YOUR HEAD, Shedd
7. SOMEONE CARES, Rice
8. THE HIDING PLACE, ten Boom
9. THE TOTAL WOMAN, Morgan
10. PRAYER IS A HUNGER, Farrell

### PAPERBACK BOOKS

1. THE HIDING PLACE, ten Boom
2. THERE'S A NEW WORLD COMING, Lindsey
3. THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH, Lindsey
4. THE WAY, Taylor
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1. ALLELUJAH!, Faither Trio and Ron Huff
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4. LIVE!, Doug Oldham
5. THE KING IS COMING, Doug Oldham
6. LIVE AT CARNEGIE HALL, Andre Crouch
7. MARANATHA II, Maranatha Music
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10. KEEP ON SINGING, Andre Crouch

## N. C. BAPTISTS DEDICATE NEW

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RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — A new \$600,000 wing to the Baptist Building of the North Carolina State Convention of Baptists has been dedicated here. The additional 13,000 square feet brings total space in the facility to nearly 40,000 square feet. The present building was dedicated in 1957.

In other action at a meeting of the convention's general board, a motion was approved asking the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville to consider establishing a book store to serve the Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem and Asheville areas.

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## George-Green Call Missionary

George and Green Associations have united for a joint missions program and called Rev. Horace Glass, pictured, as superintendent of missions. The program is jointly sponsored by the two associations and the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director.

Mr. Glass has served twelve and one-half years as pastor of the Barton Church, Lucedale. He has served seven years as moderator of George Association and four years as Convention Board member. (He served as moderator while George Association participated in the foster-mission program. During that time Southside Mission was started and since has grown into a strong church.)

Mr. Glass and family will live in Leakesville, in a house belonging to First Church, Leakesville, until a missionary's home is provided.

British and Canadians invaded Italy from Sicily on Sept. 3, 1943. Italy surrendered unconditionally on Sept. 8.

*Mom, what are Swingers?*



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Paul James Will

Retire As N. Y.

Executive Secretary

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (BP) — Paul James, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of New York, will retire April 1, 1975, just before his 67th birthday.

Elected to the post in April, 1968, to complete arrangements for organizing the statewide convention that year, James has also served as secretary of evangelism and stewardship and editor of *The New York Baptist*.

James and his wife came to New York in 1957 under appointment by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve as pastor of the Manhattan Baptist Chapel, after he had served for 16 years as pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Atlanta. "At that time there was no Southern Baptist work in the six New England states or in New Jersey, and only two churches in New York State were affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

He led in developing the outreach of the Manhattan Baptist Chapel, which eventually sponsored 17 missions which are now churches, and served as pastor of the church during his first six years in New York.

Sunday School Lesson: International

**The Church Empowered By The Holy Spirit**

Acts 1 to 2  
By Clifton J. Allen

For the next three months we are to make a summary study of the books of Acts.

The emphasis will be on the title of the quarter's course, "How The Church Grew." Acts may well be thought of as a continuation of the story in the Gospel of Luke, the same writer telling how the early church grew as the followers of Jesus, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, carried forward what the Lord had begun to do and to teach during the time of his ministry on earth. The lessons in this course are highly relevant for modern Christians. We discover problems and difficulties faced by the early church, dissension within, and persecution and worldliness without. The book of Acts begins with the epoch-making event, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Thus the believers became the worshiping, witnessing, and evangelizing community.

The Lesson Explained  
JESUS' PROMISE FULFILLED  
(vv. 1-4)

Pentecost was one of the feasts of the

Jews requiring the attendance of all adult males. Hence Jerusalem was packed with many thousands of people coming from all parts of the Roman world. The situation was the providential setting for the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Spirit. The believers were all together in one place, and certainly eagerly expectant. Suddenly there was a sound like a rushing wind, a sight of tongues of fire distributed on each of the believers, and a gift to each of the believers to speak in a language by which to communicate the truth of the gospel. Something more than natural, something supernatural, happened. The symbols were appropriate to the nature of the Spirit. The sound of a mighty wind, which could not be seen, suggested power. The tongues of fire suggested capacity given to each believer to speak, but also the purging and purifying activity of the Spirit. The gift of tongues was not ecstatic utterance unintelligible to others, which on later occasions confirmed the presence of the Spirit or was a

special gift of the Spirit (Acts 19:6; 1 Cor. 12:8-10). Something happened on Pentecost to enable all who believe in Christ to serve him.

**THE TRUTH PROCLAIMED**

(vv. 16-17, 36)

People from more than fifteen nations heard the Christians, all Gallians, speaking in various languages the mighty works of God. But there were scoffers who tried to explain it away claiming that the Christians were drunk. Peter's sermon was a response to this charge. The believers were not filled with new wine but were filled with the Holy Spirit. The wondrous event that had taken place had been foretold by the prophet Joel. God had poured out his Spirit on all flesh. That is, the Spirit was being given to persons of faith, the believers in Christ, without any distinction between men and women or old and young. In earlier times the Spirit was given to chosen individuals—kings, prophets, seers, and others—but now, in the age of the gospel every believer in Christ is indwelt by the

Spirit.

Verses 22-36 are the heart of Peter's sermon. The theme was Jesus of Nazareth. Peter charged his hearers with responsibility for the death of Jesus, but he declared that the death of Jesus was really the fulfillment of God's plan and purpose, and that God had raised him up from the dead, as foretold by David. Jesus was now exalted to the right hand of God and, having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, had pour'd out the Spirit upon his people. By his exaltation, Jesus was declared to be both Lord and Christ, the Messiah of Israel and the Lord over all things.

**THE GOSPEL ACCEPTED**  
(vv. 37-42)

Peter's hearers were "pricked in their heart." They felt the reality of their guilt and their need of forgiveness. They were convinced that God had wrought in Christ Jesus both judgment and salvation. They therefore asked Peter and other disciples, "What shall we do?" Peter's response was a call to repentance. Assuming that their repentance would be genu-

ine, they were to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Thus they would experience the forgiveness of sins. The phrase, "for the remission of sins," should be understood in the light of other New Testament teaching. The forgiveness of sins is conditioned on repentance for sins. It calls for faith in Jesus Christ as Savior from sins. Forgiveness is not a magic result of the external rite of baptism, but baptism is meant to be a companion of repentance. Peter added the assurance that the believer would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. No one can receive Christ without receiving the Spirit of Christ. The promise of the Spirit, therefore, is confirmed to everyone whom the Lord calls and who responds to that call by faith in Christ.

How powerfully the Holy Spirit wrought through Peter's sermon! There was of course further instruction and exhortation. Some 3,000 persons responded to the call to repentance and faith, and they then declared their confession through baptism in open acknowledgment of Christ as Lord and Savior and in identification with the believing community.

of his enemies would be short-lived. The cross coupled with the resurrection gives hope for all mankind.

Success for the Christian is not the success of the world measured in power, possessions and place. To be great in the kingdom of God is to be the servant to others. This philosophy can never be ours until we dedicate ourselves to him as Master. Then we take on the servant role. Our service to him is through and to other human beings.

Every economic problem would be solved if men had lived and would live for what they could do for others and not for what they could get for themselves. The divisions of our church would be dissolved if the workers would not care what position they got so long as the service was given. We could also do so much more if we were not so concerned about who did the credit.

When Jesus spoke of the supreme greatness and value of the man whose ambition was to be the servant, he laid down one of the greatest practical truths in the world.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

## How To Be Successful

Mark 9:30-37; 10:32-45

By Bill Duncan

This is an age of great contrast between successful people and those called failures. Everyone is advising the world how to be successful. The tragedy is that our eyes have been blinded to the meaning of success. After many reach their utopia they do not want what they have. Most likely what we have failed to teach the world is that success depends upon the means as well as the end.

A few years ago a college made a study of various courses offered by the institution, in an attempt to determine the grouping of subjects which generally produced successful students.

However, they discovered that the subjects studied did not make the difference. Some of the students were failures, even though they took the same courses as the successful students. After another year of searching for an answer, a committee reported that the success or failure of graduates depended largely upon three attributes: courage, courtesy, and cooperation. Success is not arriving at the summit of a mountain as a final destination. It is a continuing upward spiral of progress in courage, courtesy, and cooperation.

It is not only the way we achieve success; it is important that we have the proper goal in mind. Henry Ford asked one of his associates, "Jim, what is your goal in life?" "Mr. Ford," Jim replied, "My goal in life is to make a million good, round dollars." Mr. Ford did not say anything. A few days later he brought Jim a package and asked him to open it. What he found was a pair of eyeglasses with the lenses replaced with big round silver dollars. "Put them on," instructed Mr. Ford. "And tell me what you see." "Why, Mr. Ford I cannot see anything," replied Jim. "Why can't you see anything?" asked Mr. Ford. "Because these dollars are in the way," answered Jim. Then Mr. Ford began to explain. "I wanted to teach you that if your goal in life is dollars you will be blinded to all greater opportunities of this life. I am in the business of manufacturing cars, not for the money. I do this in order to make transportation possible for the American people at a price they can afford. I do this that the national wealth may increase and men will have more jobs. My object in life is service to mankind. If you give people something they need for a fair price, you do not have to worry about the dollars. The key to salesmanship is this: Think of your customers as people needing your goods instead of you needing their money. Do not sell cars, sell service." To Henry Ford the goal made the difference.

These stories have helped me determine what is success in life. But we as Christians have a perspective of the Christian life that is different from the world. What is success to the Christian?

The disciples did not understand that the kingdom of Jesus Christ was a spiritual one and not temporal. This was borne out in their conversation on the way to Capernaum. It seemed that they had argued about places of greatness in the kingdom. When Jesus questioned them about their conversation, they were too ashamed to answer him. They were convicted of their self-seeking and selfish ambition that did not fit in with what Jesus thought.

So Jesus sat the disciples down and gave them a frank lesson on true greatness. It must have been a hard

lesson for them to learn, for James and John asked him for a position of honor, after this occasion in Mark 9: 32-37. Jesus taught: "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all and servant of all" (v. 35).

Jesus did not deny that men can be great or have ambition. He did say that if a man seeks to be great, he should seek to reach his goal not by serving his own interest, but by rendering service to others.

James and John were ambitious and aimed at a special position in the kingdom that would be. Maybe they thought of themselves better off than the others because they were in the inner circle. But they had completely failed to understand Jesus. At the time that Jesus was giving the definite detailed forecast of his death, they requested special position. "Words were powerless to rid them of their idea of a Messiah of earthly power and glory. Only the cross could

do that." In spite of the frank lessons that Jesus gave them, they still believed Jesus. It is an amazing thing that they had confidence and loyalty after he described his coming death.

Jesus told James and John that without a cross there can never be a crown. The standard of greatness in the kingdom is the standard of the cross. These two accepted "their cross." James was beheaded by Herod Agrippa and John suffered much for Christ. They accepted the challenge of their Master — even if they did so.

As one looks at the cross as a standard of greatness, some will understand.

By itself, the cross is a gigantic tragedy. Each time Jesus referred to his suffering and death, he invariably concluded with mention of his resurrection on the third day. This view of the cross was mindful that the victory

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## Devotional

## Faith That Moves

By Marjorie Rowden, Faculty,

William Carey College

Hebrews 12:2: "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. . . . it takes power to move things. Steam power moves locomotives, gasoline power moves automobiles, atomic power moves men and machines into outer space, and faith-power moves Christians into abundant living and creative service. Wherever there is action there is power."

"By faith" our Bible says, "Abraham, when he was called, obeyed; and moved out not knowing whither he knew." Literally, Abraham was our first foreign missionary. He must have had GREAT faith.

Too often we think of our modern missionary movement as deriving its power from money—or from our prayer support—or from the numbers of missionary personnel on any given field. And, to be sure, these things are not only important but necessary.

But Abraham had one of these. He had no Foreign Mission Board bankrolling his efforts with money and equipment. He had no multitude of prayer-partners back home. And he had no help "on the field." But he had something far greater—he had the abiding presence of the ONE who said "go," and his faith-power moved him to action.

In 1792 a young man named William Carey pleaded with his fellow Baptists in England to send missionaries to the heathen. "Sit down, young man," shouted an elderly churchman. "When God gets ready to save the heathen He can do it without your help." Carey did not doubt God's power to do this, but he unmistakably felt that God wanted to send that power into action through him.

After years of dedicated service in India, Carey's personal motto became the slogan for many to follow: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

Some have thought Carey's slogan was worded backwards. "Get out and work for the Lord first," they argue, "and then expect Him to bless your efforts."

Not so. God's way is one of faith first, and then action. Why? Because faith is the power that generates and moves the action. Abraham did not leave home and hope that God would bless him. He first "believed God" and "taught Him" to provide the power to get up and go.

How feeble are our efforts when we depend upon our own power. How discouraging are our days when God's energy is not flowing through us.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me." ((Phil. 4:13.)



Members Of WMU Over Fifty Years

First, Batesville presented WMU pins and a proclamation of praise to six special ladies during WMU Focus Week. Each of the six has been a WMU member for fifty years or more. Left to right: Mrs. Beulah McMahon, Mrs. Spencer Lee, Mrs. F. O. Martin, and Mrs. C. C. Chapman. Not pictured: Mrs. Eugene Stone and Mrs. P. D. McCauley. Mrs. H. H. Alexander is WMS president; Rev. Robert E. Self is pastor.

## Mississippi Newsbriefs

## Just For The Record

## Bluff Springs (Pike)

## Calls Richard White

Rev. Richard White has accepted the pastorate of Bluff Springs Church, Pike County.

The Mobile County native was ordained by Myrick Church. A graduate of William Carey College, he plans to enter New Orleans Seminary in March.

Mr. White is leaving the Macedonia Church near Hattiesburg where he has been pastor for two years. Under his leadership the Macedonia Church has grown from 41 in Sunday school to an average of 161 in October, 1973. An educational building was completed in 1972 and a second unit is under construction. The budget has increased from \$12,000 to \$24,000. During his pastorate there have been 46 baptisms and 31 additions by letter.

Mr. White is married to the former Elva Wilkinson of Moss Point and they have two children, David Lee, 9 and Renee, 6. Former pastorates include Pleasant Hill, Camilla, Ga.; Midway, Pascagoula, Oakland Grove, Laurel, Bethany, Meridian; Mt. Zion, Magee; Senneloville, Pachuta and two years as pastor of Applewood Acres Mission in Youngstown, Ohio.

## SHELL GIVES \$1500 TO MC

For the fourteenth consecutive year Mississippi College has been awarded a \$1500 donation from the Shell Companies Foundation, Inc., under its Shell Assists Program.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, accepted the recent donation and said Mississippi College was ap-

## Laymen's Week At Olivet

Olivet Church, Gulfport sets aside one week each year when laymen are in charge of all services. Under the leadership of Herbert Roberts, who served as director of worship, these men conducted services for near capacity crowds this year.

Sunday morning, Tim Hulsey and Ralph Montgomery gave personal testimonies. Ed Syford brought a message on "The Spiritual Responsibility of a Father." A men's choir and a quartet under the direction of Willard Wibley presented special music.

On Sunday evening Marshall Davis, John Sheppard, and Ronnie Seara gave personal testimonies and James Kittrell brought a challenging message on "Loyalty to Christ." Special music was again provided by laymen. Decisions were made at both morning and evening services.

On Wednesday evening George McNeil and Richard Young shared personal testimonies. On that evening nearly 300 people enjoyed a meal of fish caught and prepared by the men. Bill Hulsey is Baptist Men's Director; Rev. Floyd Hughes is pastor.

## Names In The News



Ronnie R. Cottingham, son of Rev. and Mrs. Russell B. Cottingham of Stringer, has assumed the position of minister of music and youth at Oak Hill Church near Poplarville. Graduate of Clarke College, he is now attending William Carey College. Prior to accepting the position at Oak Hill, he had been traveling throughout the United States with The Trailsmen Evangelistic Team for four years. He also served as minister of music at Sulphur Springs Conehatta. He is married to the former Beverly Mizell of Lucedale. The Cottingshams, pictured above, reside at 1602 Cedar Street, Lot B-13, Hattiesburg. Rev. Chester Estes, Jr. is pastor of Oak Hill.

Chaplain Paul B. Cassibry, his wife, Edith Ashford Johnston and daughters, Dana and Robin, are now stationed at U.S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, New York. While there for the year he will complete the Chaplains Advanced Course and the requirements for a Master of Science degree in guidance and counseling at the University of Long Island, Brooklyn. The family has been working with the pastor of Richboro Baptist Church, Staten Island, since August, 1973. Mr. Cassibry mentioned in a recent letter to the Baptist Record that he met the Mississippi College students who came to New York during the Christmas holidays to perform several ministries for Baptist churches there.

Stan W. Abbott, supervisor of park improvements for Austin (Tex.) Parks Department, has recently been named supervisor of grounds beautification at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry G. Silmon, missionaries to Uganda on furlough, are parents of a daughter, Kimberly Kay, born Jan. 27. They may be addressed at 715 East Northside Drive, Jackson, Miss. 39206. He is a native of Winnsboro, La., and she is the former Carol Martin of Meridian, Miss. Before they were appointed in 1970, he was pastor of Calvary, Hattiesburg.

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Dr. Gene Garrison, (right), guest speaker for Spiritual Emphasis Week at New Orleans Seminary, talks with Jack Bailey, seminary student and pastor of Cash Church in Lena, Miss. Dr. Garrison, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, was on the seminary campus from Jan. 29 to Feb. 1 delivering a chapel address each day and sharing with various classes. Spiritual Emphasis Week is an annual event sponsored by the Student Body Association of the seminary, of which Jack is an officer.

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